PROJECT NAME: COUNTY ROAD PAVING PROJECT, BLACKRIDGE RANCH SUBDUVISION (A.K.A) KOLOB RANCH PHASES 2 & 3

RECIPIENT: Washington County, Utah and Kolob Ranch Road Improvement Committee

LOCATION: Washington County, UT

PURPOSE: The project will be the installation of 2.5 inches of asphalt paving on an existing Washington County, Gravel road. The project will require the addition of some gravel road base, to up grade the sub base of the existing road base, prior to the placement of the asphalt paving. The project will include the replacement, and in some cases, the installation of new drainage culverts across the roads.

The project is located in the unincorporated area of Washington County, Utah. The roads to be paved lies directly West of Interstate Highway 15 between mile posts #36 and #40. Old State Highway 91, now a county road, is the access road to the project. (See map sent under separate cover.)

The roads associated with this project have become High Use Roads. The traffic is not limited to residents of the area. The existing roads are public roads and are used by none residents as well. The existing roads are worn out and can not move the traffic in a safe manor. The roads are extremely dusty, when dry, and very muddy when wet. The existing roads are costly to maintain. Periodic grading of the roads by Washington County has little effect on the condition.

Washing County does not have the financial capabilities to properly maintain and improve the roads without shorting other areas of the county. A grant to improve the roads in Kolob Ranch Subdivision would aid the entire Washington County as it would free up some funding for other worthy project throughout the county.

Also Kolob Ranch Subdivision is located directly adjacent to the Kolob Portion of Zion's National Park. The project will greatly improve the quality of the area.

Funding of this project will make existing county road funds more accessible for other projects throughout the county. The project will lower the maintenance cost on the portion of the county Road System making additional maintenance as well as additional funding available to other road throughout Washington County. The entire 2nd District of Utah will benefit by the project.

The Project will serve 400 property owners in the Subdivision with 178 property owners that front the county road pledging 20% matching funds. Indirectly the road paving project will benefit the entire population of Washington County, Utah

Washington County has indicated that funding is not available, not only, for the proposed paving project, but funding is not available to even upgrade the existing, worn out. Gravel sub-base and gravel surface. The gravel road has been in service for over 25 years and need to be improved and upgraded to safe traffic standards.

AMOUNT: **\$2,500,000.00**